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SUBJ: MFA OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON RENEGOTIATION OF UK

ENTRY TERMS INTO THE EC

REF: LUXEMBOURG 0175

1. JEAN SCHLEICH, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, IN CONVERSATION MARCH 19 WITH ECON OFFICER, ENLARGED UPON PUBLIC STATEMENT BY FORMIN THORN (REFTEL) THAT GOL COULD NOT ACCEPT A RENEGOTIATION OF THE TERMS OF UK ENTRY INTO THE EC. ACCORDING TO SCHLEICH, THE GOL IS PREPARED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ACCOMMODATIONS  
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TO THE UK AS LONG AS THEY ARE JUSTIFIED WITHIN THE EC

TREATIES. SINCE SCHLEICH EXPECTS THE FIRST INDICATION OF UK INTENTIONS TO SURFACE DURING THE MARCH 21 AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MEETING ON AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PRICES, HE OUTLINED ACCOMMODATIONS THAT THE GOL COULD ACCEPT WITH REGARD TO AGRICULTURE. THESE INCLUDE A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FOR THE UK FROM INCREASES IN AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND THE GRANTING OF EC SUBSIDIES TO THE UK TO HELP FINANCE FOOD AID PROGRAMS.

2. SCHLEICH THOUGHT THAT THESE ACCOMMODATIONS COULD SLOW THE INCREASE IN UK FOOD PRICES, TEMPORARILY EASE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN TO THE UK AND PERHAPS PERMIT THE EC TO AVOID A MAJOR CRISIS. SCHLEICH ADMITTED THAT THE FRENCH HAD THUS FAR REFUSED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE UK AND THAT HE HAD NO HINT OF FRANCE'S FUTURE INTENTIONS. FARKAS

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